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## WALLINGFORD REGIONAL SOLID WASTE PROJECT POLICY BOARD MINUTES FOR THE <u>SPECIAL</u> MEETING MAY 26, 2015 1:30 P.M. WALLINGFORD TOWN HALL, ROOM 315

A Special Meeting of the Policy Board of the Wallingford Regional Solid Waste Project was held at the Wallingford Town Hall on May 26, 2015. Present at the meeting were Mayor William Dickinson of Wallingford; Michael Milone, Town Manager of Cheshire; Larry Kendzior, City Manager of Meriden; Pam Roach, Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator of Hamden.

Others in attendance were: Doreen Zaback, Wallingford Regional Solid Waste Project Coordinator; Don Roe, Wallingford Program Planner; and Bob Gross, Wallingford resident.

Prior to the Special Meeting being called to order, Chair Milone addressed a group of trash haulers including Rick Pulcinella of Tony's Trucking; Gina Mesturini of Fabio Enterprises; Bonnie Wallinger and A.J. Wallinger of A.J. Waste Systems; and Art Carraro of Artic Trucking, who attended the meeting to voice their displeasure with the sudden increase in tip fee for commercial MSW at the Wallingford Covanta facility. Chair Milone explained that because this topic was not listed on the agenda and because there hadn't been time to research the topic, there would not be a discussion of the issue at this meeting. The Policy Board did agree to schedule another Special Meeting to address this topic in the near future. At this point the haulers departed the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 1:50 p.m. by Chairman Milone.

 Discussion and Possible Action for Contracting Services to Assist in Determination of Local Market Average of the Solid Waste Disposal Fee.

Chair Milone asked Ms. Zaback to review for the Policy Board the draft Scope of Work for contracting with an outside consultant for assistance in determining the local market average tip fee, which the towns have the right to determine according to the MSW Agreement and 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment of the MSW Agreement with Covanta.

Ms. Zaback summarized the scope of work, which has been structured in three phases, with each phase having a cost assigned. At the conclusion of each phase a decision would be made whether to move on to the next phase. Ms. Zaback said she had talked with one consultant who has many years' experience in the MSW field to get some kind of idea of the cost involved. The consultant suggested that the total cost of all three phases would be approximately \$29,000.

Ms. Zaback explained that in terms of funding this project, there is currently over \$25,000 in the professional consulting line item of the Policy Board staffing budget and that at the conclusion of FY2014-15 there will be approximately \$29,000 available. There was some discussion of moving that money to the WRSWP Reserve Fund, then paying for the project from that fund. There was also discussion of the selection process used in hiring a consultant and the credentials required of the consultant. There was general agreement that the selected consultant would need to have in-depth knowledge and working experience in the Connecticut solid waste industry.

A motion was made by Mayor Dickinson and seconded by Pam Roach to have Ms. Zaback release a Request for Quote for Contracting Services to Assist in Determination of Local Market Average of the Solid Waste Disposal Fee. The motion was unanimously approved.

## Adjourn 11.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Doreen Zaback
May 27, 2015